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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Quarantine.

The Quarantine Board of Egypt has decided to apply cholera regulations against all arrivals from the whole coast of the Hedjaz.

Murder at Ibrahimieh.

The body of a young native woman was found yesterday in a ditch at Ibrahimieh. She had evidently met her death by strangulation.

Alexandria Municipality.

There will be a meeting of the Commission at 4 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. The sole topic of discussion will be the budget for 1908.

Customs Receipts.

The Custom House receipts from the 1st of January until the 21st inst. totalled L.E. 3,678,460 as compared with L.E. 3,426,569 during the corresponding period of 1906.

Execution.

There will be a double execution at Hadra Prison on Saturday next, when Menais and Shanak, the murderers of the Ombeh of Bissetwai and of his friends will suffer the capital penalty.

Corporation of Western Egypt.

The Corporation of Western Egypt's Western Oases Railway has now reached the temporary terminus of North Kargeh and the 17th January is fixed for the official opening of the line.

New Armenian Bishop.

Yesterday at the Catholic Armenian Church of the Immaculate Conception in Rue Averoff, Alexandria, the pastoral letter was read of the New Armenian Catholic Bishop of Egypt, Monsignor Bedros Vartabed Kouyoujian.

An Xmas Annual.

We have received a copy of the fourth Xmas annual of the "Times of Ceylon". The cover is by Walter Crane, the well known English artist. Those interested in Ceylon could obtain copies of this interesting annual on applying to the Manager of the "Times of Ceylon" at Colombo. It is indispensable to all who take an interest in that beautiful island.

Fire in Alexandria.

At 8 o'clock on Christmas morning a fire broke out in Sharia Abou Douair in a lithographer's establishment. The fire brigade on receiving the call were on the spot within a few minutes and, one hydrant sufficed to extinguish the fire after ten minutes' work. The damage was very slight. The fire was caused by a cigarette end having been thrown into a heap of waste paper.

Theft from the Semiramis.

An Abyssinian groom at the Semiramis hotel was entrusted on Saturday last with the sum of L.E. 150 in order to pay for repairs or alterations which had recently been completed at the hotel. Some time after his departure from the hotel with the money, he returned with a cut on his cheek, and a tale of highway robbery. He affirmed that he had been attacked by some foreigners who had succeeded in making off with the bag containing the money. He was taken to the caracol where under the cross examination of the Mamour his story was found to be a fabrication from beginning to end. He was arrested, and we understand that the greater portion of the money has been found at his residence.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The Viscount de Chamberet has arrived at Cairo on a mission from the Government of Tunis to study the agricultural position of Egypt and the various public and private institutions connected with agriculture here. On his return to Tunis he will present a report to the Government.

Among the arrivals at Alexandria by the "Heliopolis" on Tuesday evening were Prince d'Arenberg, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Suez Canal Company, the Princes Zaza, Sir Thomas Lipton, Baron Empain, the well known Belgian financier, Lord Villiers, Mr. Butler Aspinall, K.C., Sir William Bell, Count von der Burch, Captain, Mrs., and Miss Beckwith, Countess Chamare, Baron Desamp, Count and Countess de Lesse, Major Kerneff Macdonald, Mrs. Macdonald, Mr. Carter de Wiat, Count de Sonis, Sir Montagu Pollock, Orphi Pasha, Captain Ponsby, Mrs. and Miss Sima'ino, Mr. T.E. and Mrs. Caslagli, Mr. and Mrs. Giglio, etc.

It is announced that Mr. Mitchell Innes, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Finance, will shortly sever his official connection with the Egyptian Government service.

Sir Samuel and Lady Sadler are among the visitors at Shepherd's Hotel. His interests have always been centred round Middleborough where he is a well known chemical manufacturer and colourer; for 32 years he acted as Member of the Town Council there, and between the years 1900 and 1906 he represented that town in Parliament having contested the seat unsuccessfully on three other occasions.

The Khedive has conferred the Grand Cord on of the Medjidieh on Sir Horace Pinching, late director general of the Public Health Department.

Dr. Col. Cathcart Garner succeeds Mr. W.P.G. Graham as sub-director of the Public Health Department.

Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Lamplough have arrived at Cairo from Alexandria and are staying at the Hotel d'Angleterre. Mr. Lamplough will remain in Cairo for about a month, before going to Upper Egypt, and will probably give a fortnight's exhibition of his pictures.

GERMANY AND ABYSSINIA.

THE TRIPLE AGREEMENT.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Tuesday.

The "Globe" correspondent at Rome says that Menelik cannot resign himself to recognise the Anglo-Franco-Italian agreement. He regards it in fact as non-existent. The chief result of the triple agreement is to spread German influence in Menelik's country. Germany has already obtained many important concessions.

SIR J. ARDAGH'S WILL.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Tuesday.

The late Sir John Ardagh's will shows a net personality of £105,000.

MUSURUS PASHA'S SUCCESSOR.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Tuesday.

Hamid Bey has been appointed Chargé d'Affaires at the Court of St. James.

NOTES FROM SUAKIM.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Suakim, December 17.

The new fast mail service has so far only benefited Suakim to a limited extent. Instead of receiving all our mails on Sunday as formerly they now reach us in dribbles, part arriving on Saturday morning by train from Port Sudan, while another portion, often containing the most important letters, arrives by steamer, generally the following day. It would save a great quantity of legitimate annoyance and inconvenience if the postal authorities would look into this matter, and have it remedied, for it must be due to lack of attention somewhere.

Suakim's Trade.

The harbour presented quite a busy aspect on Monday with no less than five ships in port at once, which is ample evidence that the place is not being "wiped out" so rapidly as was anticipated. Besides three of the Khediw's Co's steamers calling on their regular itinerary, the S.S. "Abbot-ford" arrived with a full cargo of coal from England for the Sudan Government Railways. The S.S. "Ahmadi" of the Bombay Persia Line arrived from Jeddah to discharge a mixed cargo of foodstuffs, merchandise, etc. from India, chiefly consigned to Indian merchants, called Banyans. Much of the trade of Suakim, and other places in the Sudan, is in the hands of these merchants, especially flour, dhurra, spices, cotton piece goods, etc. They deal directly with the natives, and by cutting out the middle man, are able to dispose of their commodities at a maximum of profit, with a minimum of expenditure; leaving little or no margin for competition from any European merchants. These Banyans live in even more frugal fashion than the native, spend next to nothing on personal requirements, and all their earnings are sent to India. It is questionable whether such one-sided trading can be considered advantageous to the prosperity of any country, more especially the Sudan, which would greatly benefit by a more reciprocal system of trading to ensure a better circulation of money in the country.

Price of Flour.

Flour has attained an almost unprecedentedly high price here, going up within a short time from 100 P.T. to 130 P.T. per kilo. The scarcity of flour in India is sure to keep the price up, but with a considerable consignment arriving by the "Ahmadi" it is expected to drop slightly within the next few days.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Mess liner "Morris" sailed on Tuesday afternoon last, for Manchester with general cargo, including 9,134 bales of cotton.

The Mess liner "Menophah" sailed on Tuesday afternoon last, for Liverpool via Malta with passengers, mail and general cargo, including 4,084 bales of cotton.

The Westcott liner "Barcelona" sailed from Malta last Tuesday evening and is expected in this port next Saturday afternoon.

The Edinburgh liner "City of Dundee" sailed hence last evening, Tuesday, for Liverpool direct with general cargo, including 5,022 bales of cotton.

The Papanayi liner "Alexandria" sailed from Malta on Tuesday morning and is due here to-morrow evening, the 27th inst.

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CHRISTMAS IN EGYPT.

AT CAIRO.

The comparison between Xmas at home and Xmas abroad has been worn so threadbare of late, that it is almost a surprise to realize the extent of the preparations that have been made in honour of the festival this week. There is scarcely an English home, hotel, or shop which has not been kept busy in anticipation of the requirements of the season, and invitations, parcels, cards and messages of goodwill have been scattered broadcast through the land.

Xmas Eve was an exceptionally busy day, everybody was on the move, while shops and bars were being ransacked of their choicest wares. A finely decorated tree was as usual in evidence in the Egyptian Hall at Shepherd's during the afternoon, many people dropping in there at tea time. During the evening it again became the centre of attraction, for one of the usual dances was in progress and the opportunity was too good to be wasted. The floor was in perfect condition, and the well known Zingane orchestra undertook the latter half of the programme to the great delight of the dancers. Xmas morning was well on the way before the entertainment was brought to a close, and Xmas wishes were the last compliments paid to many as they turned their steps homeward. Another fine Xmas tree decorated the dining hall of Hotel d'Angleterre that same evening, when a very special dinner was served to the guests assembled there, and a good programme of music enlivened the proceedings.

Xmas day started early and the English Church was packed to its utmost capacity for the ordinary morning service, while other services had been performed earlier in the morning. Branches of palms and masses of flowers, poinsettias, etc. replaced the ordinary decorations in favour at home, and gave a very beautiful effect to the edifice. There was a great element of sadness in the service however for the minds of many were dwelling on the horror of the fatal accident which had occurred to the young chaplain of the Citadel, the Rev. D.P. Miller, only a few hours earlier, to which allusion was made by the Rev. Hilton Molesworth in his sermon.

With the exception of this most sad occurrence, there has been nothing to mar the happiness of our Xmas in Cairo. There have been cheery meetings on every side, and Xmas trees and Xmas dinners have been enjoyed by all, and though many of us are spending the season away from English homes and relatives we have had no occasion to regret the circumstance.

AT ALEXANDRIA.

"East or West, Home's Best." Despite our energetic efforts to carry out the traditions of the real old English Christmas, there is lacking in this country for many of us the family gathering which is the real secret of a merry Christmas. There are probably none of us who can altogether put sentiment aside at such a season, and though we maintain with brave hearts that "Peace on earth, goodwill to all Men," and make our Christmas a merry one, our thoughts are none the less bent towards that little island which rules the seas, and our joyfulness is somewhat forced.

Christmas in Alexandria was well spent, and the Britishers in Alexandria attended the services at the churches in large numbers.

At St. Mark's five services were held on Christmas Day.

The total number of communicants was markedly larger than on Christmas Day last year, though the numbers at the late celebration were less. At 10 a.m. the church was filled to overflowing, and in addition to some 10 chairs placed in the church before the service, others were brought in from the chapel and the vestry. A full choir rendered the choral parts of the service with precision and efficiency which must have entailed much preliminary practising and careful attention.

Mr. Heaton presided at the organ, and the solos in the anthem were taken by Miss Callender and Mr. W.F. Sargeant, both of whom sang with much taste and feeling. The Te Deum was sung to a setting in D by Rev. E. Vine Hall. The anthem was "While Shepherds watched their flocks by night" by Joseph Barnley. The first of the "Hortory Sentences" "Let your light" was sung by the trebles to music by Rev. E. Vine Hall. During the collection the well known Christmas Hymn "Adeste Fideles" was sung most heartily by the congregation. The Communion service was Woodward in E flat.

In the sanctuary and west end of the church were placed palms and plants.

The font, lectern, pulpit and choir stalls were tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers and foliage. The vases placed upon the Holy Table in the church and in the chapel were filled with exquisite roses, lilies of the valley, and narcissi. Those responsible for the decorations were Mrs. Eves, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Algernon Ward, Mrs. Whitworth, Miss Garnett Botfield, Miss Cortes, Miss Roberts, Miss Spurgeon, Miss Talbot, and Mr. Maenee, Mr. Mustard and Mr. V. Mustard. Among those who sent plants, foliage, and flowers were the following, Lady Blomfield, Mrs. Borton, Mrs. Callender, Mrs. Crafton, Mrs. Lawrence Dawson, Mme. Debbane, Mrs. Dickson, Hon. Mrs. Hopkinson, Mrs. Pictou, Mrs. A.S. Preston, Mrs. W.T. Smith, Mrs. Tennant, Miss Batcheller, Miss Calovanni, Miss Gates, Mr. J. E. Cornish, Mr. Ebell, Mr. Foster, The Chaplain (Archdeacon Ward), assisted by the Rev. J. Elkin, officiated at the services and the lessons were read by Rear Admiral Sir Massie Blomfield K.C.M.G. The collections throughout the day, were for the fund for the relief of the poor and amounted to P.T. 1390.5.

The hotels of Alexandria on Christmas night did their best to entertain their many guests. The Savoy Palace gave a sumptuous dinner and the handsome dining room was very well filled by tourists and residents. In the centre of the room was an electric lit and heavily burdened Christmas tree, but the coloured globes were almost eclipsed by the numerous tiny candles without which no Christmas tree could be complete. During and after dinner the orchestra of the hotel played an excellent selection of music, and Mr. Brey, the popular manager of the hotel, did his utmost to make all forget that they were in a foreign land.

The Christmas tree at the Khediw Hotel was held on Christmas eve, and there were many on that night to celebrate the season, whilst last night a monster dinner was given. At the Carlton Hotel, Ramleh, the table was spread with liberal Christmas fare. Indeed no matter where one went Christmas greetings met the ear and Christmas liberality was showered upon one.

Other notes on Christmas must be held over for tomorrow's issue.

A CAIRO CONCERT.

It is hardly fair or possible to judge the Société des Concerts or the orchestra by their second concert. The main stay and crown of the programme, the music of the Forest Murmurs, had arrived too late and for Wagner was substituted—Weber.

Really the change of programme did seem to affect the whole concert. Probably that one splendid piece might have attained the whole orchestra and their conductor to the height of excellence which, I understand, they showed in the first concert. However that may be, there were dull moments. The Weber's invitation to the valise seemed hackneyed and noisy, and the long Mendelssohn savoured of a genteel drawing room. The opening Mozart's "Zauber flut" was charming and well given. What delightful clean strong music, full of character and delicacy! In the Italian symphony M. Baron rather emphasized and hurried the Andante movement, and the orchestra hardly rose to the Presto, they did not "carry it off." But then it is deep here to say so. It always seems to me that Mendelssohn as a rule needs rather more than his due in interpretation and execution.

The two Brahms dances and the Beretz March were excellent. They showed what the orchestra could do especially in the march. The Brahms dances perhaps require an exceptional display of temperament, if the fulness of the measure and changing rhythm are to be achieved. M. Soubeyran sang correctly enough, but was a trifle hard and unsatisfying at moments.

The next concert should be well worth hearing. The programme is splendid, and the orchestra apparently can "rise" to really good music, Gluck, Handel, Wagner, what more can one ask, and probably Mlle. Genevois for the songs.

There was a good attendance, though one has to confess that some of the more fashionable representatives of Cairo culture were inclined to come in late and even to whisper at moments during the performance. If the Société gives such excellent music, it should be rigid on that point, absolute silence and closed doors should be the rule. I remember so well the severity of the Oxford Musical Club, and its fine of five shillings for the least sound—first offence only—subsequent offences almost ranked with fines for excessive speed of motor cars! Also the double curtain—if the hotel authorities will allow—it should be an improvement. At present any visitor or resident who finds himself or herself in the hall of the Semiramis, has nearly as good a chance of hearing the music as any of the subscribers. These are paying ten francs a concert. The others need only reckon the price of their tea, and have the music thrown in!

KILLED BY A MOTOR CAR.

ARMY CHAPLAIN'S DEATH.

We very much regret to have to announce the death of the Rev. O.P. Miller, M.A., B.Sc. (Chaplain to the forces, which occurred, as the result of an accident, in the early hours of Christmas morning. It appears that Mr. Miller who had been at the Citadel in the afternoon, went from there to Boulaq by tramcar and on alighting he was knocked down and run over by a motor car belonging to M. George Spezzatagoulos of the Splendid Bar. Mr. Davey, of the Ordnance Office who happened to be passing immediately gave what assistance he could to the injured man, and despatched a messenger for medical assistance. Dr. Madden arrived about 10 minutes after the accident, Major Harding, R.A.M.C. and Bombashi Thomson, R.A.M.C., following soon afterwards, the Rev. R. Armitage, D.S.O., and the Rev. J. Hilton Molesworth, M.A., also arriving about the same time. Mr. Miller though terribly mutilated was still conscious, and was able to entrust messages to his fellow clergymen. He was conveyed to Dr. Milton's Home, where he expired shortly after midnight. The Rev. Molesworth made touching references to the accident at the morning service, and the regret which he expressed finds an echo in the hearts of all who knew Mr. Miller. The inquest will be held at noon to-day, after which the funeral will take place.

PARIS-HOUSE GENEVA.

Mm. Auberge is exhibiting her models at the Hotel Villa Victoria, Cairo.

THE 1908 BUDGET.

FINANCIAL ADVISER'S NOTE.

We extract the following from the Financial Adviser's exhaustive note on the Budget for 1908:—

However severely the crisis may have depressed certain branches of business, it has left untouched, and is, indeed, entirely disconnected from, the fundamental factors of Egyptian prosperity. Over-speculation followed upon that prosperity and has met with its penalty; but the mainspring of that prosperity, the country's inherent wealth intelligently developed, remains entirely unimpaired; the crisis of 1907 is but an incident in a progress which is, humanly speaking, and in the absence of some political or natural convulsion, reasonably assured.

Nevertheless this crisis has not been without its passing effect upon the public finances of the country; it has checked the growth of those items of the revenue, which, during the preceding period of general prosperity, showed the greatest elasticity. Both the import duties and the fees on the transfer of land, representing together about 2½ millions of revenue, have, during the last few months, shown, in lieu of the rapid increase of recent years, a slight diminution as compared with the corresponding period in 1906.

In view of these results, it has been thought prudent to take, as regards 1908, a somewhat less sanguine view than usual of the probable growth of these revenues; although the Customs return for November give some promise of recovery in the yield of the import duty.

Moreover, two items of former revenue disappear entirely from the receipts side of the new budget. The first is that derived from payments to secure exemption from military service ("Badalieh.") Notwithstanding the somewhat unfavourable financial conditions of the moment, the Government is of opinion that the system of crediting these receipts to ordinary revenue should no longer be maintained. It is felt that these payments, which the richer part of the population are in a position to make in order to secure exemption from military service, should be employed for the benefit of their less fortunate brethren who serve as conscripts in the Army and Police. The details of the project are still under consideration. The receipts in question, however, will, from 1908, not figure in the ordinary budget, but be carried to a special fund to be devoted to the above mentioned purpose.

The second item to disappear from the ordinary revenue is the proceeds of the sale of Government lands. The Government, apart from its liquid assets, possesses in these lands a large secondary reserve. It appears desirable that the proceeds of the sale of these lands, which have varied from L.E. 100,000 to L.E. 300,000 in recent years, should be carried to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and not, as heretofore, to ordinary revenue. At the same time, desirable as the change may be from the point of view of accounting, too much practical importance should not be attached to it, seeing that the surplus on the ordinary budget carried year by year to the credit of the Reserve has largely exceeded the amount of the receipts in question.

The elision of these two items from the ordinary budget of 1908 involves a loss of receipts which were estimated in 1907 to amount, in the case of Military exemption, to L.E. 150,000 and in the case of sale of Government lands to L.E. 125,000 or in all to L.E. 275,000.

On the other hand, a welcome new feature on the Receipts side of the budget is the payment by the Sudan Government of L.E. 45,000 as interest at 3% on L.E. 1,500,000 out of L.E. 3,500,000 advanced by the Egyptian Government up to the end of 1906 for Capital Expenditure. This payment has the effect of reducing the net sum to be paid by Egypt as contribution in aid of the civil budget of the Sudan in 1908 to L.E. 208,006 from L.E. 253,006 in 1907. It is to be hoped that with the growing resources of the Sudan, it may be found possible to lighten year by year this burden on the Egyptian budget.

The actual Revenue for 1907 is likely to reach the sum of L.E. 16,100,000 and the actual Expenditure L.E. 14,400,000, enabling a surplus of L.E. 1,700,000 to be carried to the credit of the Reserve.

The unexpended balance of the Government's Reserve, the Fund from which Capital Expenditure is met, was on the 31st October L.E. 7,772,336.

Composed originally for the major part of the sums transferred to the Government by the Caisse de la Dette in compliance with the arrangement of 1904, this Fund is maintained mainly by the help of surpluses on the annual budgets, supplemented from time to time by exceptional receipts, such as that resulting from the liquidation of the Daira estates. For some years to come, and probably until 1912, no important additions to the Fund are to be expected apart from such as may result from surpluses on the ordinary budget.

On the other hand, the amount expended out of the Reserve Fund in 1907 will reach nearly 4½ millions, a rate of expenditure which it will be difficult to reduce to any great extent in the immediate future without injuriously restricting the development of the country.

In view of the above facts, and of the peculiar restrictions to which Egypt is subjected in the matter of borrowing, it is obvious that every endeavour must be made to maintain the Reserve by means of surpluses on the ordinary budget.

Before passing from this subject it may be of interest to record the fact that the balance of L.E. 600,000, payable to the Egyptian Government on the final liquidation of the

affairs of the Daira Sanieh, fell due for payment towards the end of this year. In view of the prevailing financial stringency the Egyptian Government, in deference to urgent representations, has consented to the postponement of the payment of L.E. 500,000 of the above sum. By the arrangement arrived at with the Daira Sanieh Company this debt is transferred to the Crédit Foncier, which undertakes to discharge it in 4 years by equal instalments, paying 4% interest on the amount due. The instalments as received will be paid to the credit of the Reserve Fund.

This arrangement, tantamount to the loan of half a million to the Crédit Foncier, involves considerable sacrifices on the part of the Egyptian Government, which, in order to meet the heavy expenditure on its Reserve Fund, is obliged to sell securities at a moment when these are suffering from the general depreciation. It was assented to only in view of very exceptional circumstances which, it may be hoped, will not recur in Egypt.

The year, as regards the yield of cotton has been somewhat disappointing. Opening with brilliant prospects, final results have been unequal, and have not in many cases come up to expectation. The area under cotton was the largest on record, but the total yield is unlikely to exceed that of last year. The reasons for this are still somewhat obscure. The price of cotton has been satisfactory.

OPERA IN CAIRO.

A TRIPLE BILL.

"La Légende du Point d'Argentan", Cavalleria Rusticana" and the ballet from "Hérodiade" were all three given on Monday night. But by a merciful dispensation the ballet came last of all. I take it as an answer to my prayers, as I was thereby able to evade it.

"La Légende du Point d'Argentan" is a slight one-act piece by one M. Fourdrain, produced only this year in Paris. The story is of a fisher couple, in great straits, the husband out of work, their child ill, and the wife striving in vain to recover the secret of the Argentinian lace, and gain the prize for the Queen's robe. Her husband goes out through the storm to seek work, she remains at his work, a wanderer comes in to seek shelter and warmth. The wife relates her woes and hopes, and then tired out, falls asleep over her task. The wanderer reveals herself. She is Our Lady Herself, she summons her Angela, who achieve the wondrous robe, and leave it for the wife to find when she awakes. The music is rather charming with a certain delicate and appropriate movement, a touch here and there of Massenet, and even, one would say, certain moments of Puccini. There were phrases and turns of expression that distinctly suggested "La Bohème". The mistake of the management was the cast. Those parts, slight as they seemed, should have been filled by the best singers available. The opera needs that. Mlle. Talbert was too restrained, and hardly adequate, and the Wanderer was quite unable even to sing the music. M. Gorins, as the husband, had little enough to do. He did it well. The orchestra was good enough, but the performance as a whole was a failure.

"Cavalleria" was the reverse. Mme. Magne herself took the part of Santuzza, and was super-excellent all through it. Her acting was vivid and convincing, and her voice expressed to the last detail every shade of meaning the part could convey. M. Gorins again was forcible and accurate, thoroughly efficient. M. Flachat began badly. He seemed to be a trifle sharp in the prologue, and, though his acting was good, rather too noisy and harsh in the church scene. But towards the end he showed the full beauty of his voice. The chorus again was excellent, especially the male voices. Of course the intermezzo was encoeur. It seems to have a relentless hold on Cairo taste. Still, it is a short episode, and taking the opera as a whole, Mme. Magne's singing and M. Flachat's finale were ample compensation for these lesser trials.

ZIZINIA THEATRE.

"FAUST"

After a lapse of many years the "Società Artistica d'Egypto" decided this season to include in the programme Gounod's masterpiece, the world wide favorite opera "Faust," and the production on Saturday night was altogether a distinct success. As Margherita, Signorina Ida Gobatto created a most favourable impression and her voice although not strong is of good quality and the many difficult passages allotted to the part were exceedingly well rendered.

Signorina Gobatto, who is possessed of a charming presence, also exhibited histrionic ability, too rarely found on the operatic stage, which enabled her to present an altogether artistic impersonation. As Faust Signor Narciso Del Ry was fairly successful in this very trying rôle. We hope to see him to better advantage on some future occasion. Signor Carlo Walter is of course an old favorite, but bearing in mind his achievements last year in "Mefistofele" his performance on Saturday was a trifle disappointing. There was an absence of attention to detail which marked his previous excellent interpretation. His costume, too, appeared much too voluminous and handicapped him in certain effects. From a musical point of view his Mephisto was very acceptable; we think, however, that his rendering of the favorite old serenade left room for considerable improvement. The minor characters were unusually well supported, both Signorina Ida Pasotti as Siebel and Signor Oreste Benedetti as Valentino being excellent in their respective parts. The choruses showed considerable improvement on their previous performances. The ballet "La Notte di Valpurgis" was well executed and the orchestra under the guidance of Signor Zuccani was quite up to its usual standard.

THE COTTON MARKET.

KEARSEY AND CUNNINGHAM'S WEEKLY REPORT

LIVERPOOL, December 12.

A fair business has been done in Spot Egyptian Cotton...

In Futures a moderate business has taken place and the following are the latest quotations.

Dec. 9.55 Mar. 9.51 June 9.49 Sept. 9.46 Oct. 9.41 Nov. 9.38

American Futures The market has been less active, and prices have had a declining tendency throughout...

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AVIS

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L'Ordre du Jour de cette Assemblée comprend: 1. Lecture du rapport du Conseil d'Administration et de celui du Censeur relatif aux Comptes de l'exercice du 1er Octobre 1906 au 30 Septembre 1907...

2. Nomination du Censeur pour l'exercice 1907-1908 et fixation de sa rétribution. 3. Nomination de deux membres sortants du Conseil d'Administration, conformément aux art. 37 et 38 des statuts, qui sont révisibles.

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Par Ordre Le Directeur Général, Signé J. G. JAYET Alexandrie, le 26 Décembre 1907. 31593-1

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AVIS

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December 25.

Esperanza, Brit. s. Capt. Yeroyanni, Jaffa, Asla Minor. Kythnos, Germ. s. Capt. Niemann, Antwerp and Bengazi, Ströas. Congo, French s. Capt. Barège, Marseilles, Messageries Maritimes. Sisis, Greek s. Capt. Focas, Marseilles, Messageries Maritimes. Creole Prince, Brit. s. Capt. Noonan, Manchester and Malta, Grace and Co. Kossair, Brit. s. Capt. Winter, Tripoli and Port Said, Khedivial Mail.

December 26.

Cyprian Prince, Brit. s. Capt. Pattersall, Antwerp, Grace and Co. Levant, Brit. s. Malta, Eastern Telegraph.

DEPARTURES

December 24.

Byzantion, Greek s. Capt. Catalanos, Oreste. Salamis, Greek s. Capt. Pithis, Port Said and Cyprus. Tchihatchoff, Rus. s. Capt. Heyman, Pireus and Odessa. Mores, Brit. s. Capt. Stewart, Manchester. Modiana, Brit. s. Capt. Shillorn, Manchester. Highland Prince, Brit. s. Capt. Rowlands, Dunkirk. Menephtah, Brit. s. Capt. Thomas, Malta and Liverpool. Reynolds, Brit. s. Capt. Davis, London.

December 25.

Kirby Bank, Brit. s. Capt. Kerr, Barry Roads, in ballast. Margaret Jones, Brit. s. Capt. Gelpin, Odessa, in ballast. Martaban, Brit. s. Capt. Knight, Algiers and Liverpool, with part of previous cargo.

December 26.

Reg Margherita, Ital. s. Capt. Costa, Syria. Osmaniel, Brit. s. Capt. Gatteschi, Constantinople. Druentia, French s. Capt. Calot, Barcelona and Marseilles. Selby, Brit. s. Capt. Thompson, England. City of Dundee, Brit. s. Capt. Belton, Liverpool. Hainaut, Belg. s. Capt. Hertwig, Bona and Antwerp. Beyrouth, Ott. s. Capt. A. Mohamed, Beyrouth.

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CERÉAL MARKET

ROD EL PARAG.-(Yesterday's Prices.)

Table with columns: Wheat, Midding, Mawani Sidi, Tugari Sidi, Beans, Zawati Sidi, Nabati, Old, Lentils, Nekadi, Zawati red, Barley, Baladi, Mariuti, Dura Shami, Rafia, Halba, Zawati.

TELEGRAMME HAVAS

BOURSE DU 24 DÉCEMBRE 1907

Table with columns: Banque d'Athènes, Crédit Foncier Égyptien, Crédit Lyonnais, Comptoir National d'Escompte, Land Bank of Egypt, Ottoman Bank, Low Turcs, Cheque on London, Sugar White No. 3 (December), Banque de Salonique, Crédit Franco-Egyptien, Comptoir National d'Escompte, Banque Ottomane, Land Bank of Egypt, Banque d'Athènes, Banque d'Algerie, Crédit Franco-Egyptien, Change sur Londres, LONDRES, Jeune-Haïti-Paris, Jeune-Haïti-Londres.

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Dépêches particulières du 24 décembre 1907

PRODUITS ÉGYPTIENS LIVERPOOL Coton - Vente du jour - 100 Disponible - 10 2/16 (1/16 de baisse) Futures - janvier - 9 42/64 (5/64 de baisse) Grammes de coton - Calcutta Futures - mars-avril - 5 56 (1 point de baisse) Disponible - 5 02 (10 points de baisse) Middling Upland - 11 50 (20 points de baisse) Futures janvier - 10 31 (1 point de baisse) mars - 10 53 (2 points de baisse) Arrivages du jour, balles 94 000 Contre même jour l'année dernière, balles 56 000

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

CLOSING REPORTS

Table with columns: LIVERPOOL, December 24, 12.45 p.m. Of which Egyptian, American maize (prime mixed), American futures (January-February), American midding, Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (December), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (January), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (March), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (May), Egyptian Brown fair (per lb. d.), good fair, full, fully good fair, Egyptian sudi beans (unwashed) 32/0. LONDON, December 24. Consols (January), Egyptian Unified, Private Discount 3m. Bank bills, New York, December 24. Spot Cotton, American Futures (Jan), American Futures (Feb), American Futures (May), American Futures (June), India transfers, Cotton day's receipts at all U.S. Ports, The market will be closed to-morrow. NEW ORLEANS, December 24. Cotton Spot, Futures January, Futures March. LIVERPOOL, December 24. American futures (January-February), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (December), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (January), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (March), Egyptian fully good fair, delivery (May). LONDON, December 24. Bar Silver (per oz d.), Private discount (3 months Bk. bills), Consols (January), Egyptian Unified, Turkish Unified, Rio Tinto, New Deira, Agricultural Bank, National Bank of Egypt, Randmines New, Chartered of S. Africa, Nile Valley Gold Mine, New Egyptians, The Western Oasis Corporation, Delta Light (Barrar Shares), Egyptian Railway, Domain, Ottoman Defence, Italian Rente 4 o/o, Greek Monopoly, Greek Rente 4 o/o, Ottoman Bank, Compt. Fin. & Comm. d'Égypte, Egyptian ext. seed to Hull (Dec 16 8/16 steady), German Beet Sugar (December).

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TELEGRAMS

FRANCE IN THE NEAR EAST.

THE EDUCATION PROBLEM.

PARIS, December 25. Senate. Mr. Blanchier asked Mr. Pichon to reserve a supplementary credit for 1909 for the Eastern schools. He said that England is tending to make Egypt a land of the English language, and added that in another five years the French section of the Khedivial law School would no longer exist. Mr. Genourier asked for the appointment of a Parliamentary commission to examine the question of Eastern protectorates. Mr. Pichon refused and pointed out the prosperity of the colleges of Beyrouth, Cairo, and Constantinople. The Government desired to create a normal school in the East and will give subsidies to the law founders in the East who actively assist the Republic. (Havas)

GERMANY AND TURKEY.

GERMAN POLICY.

BERLIN, December 23. In official circles the news published by certain anti German newspapers to the effect that Germany is the instigator of Turkey's action on the Persian frontier, is emphatically denied. Germany on several occasions, and notably at the commencement of the frontier dispute, in September 1906, advised Turkey to conclude with Persia a pacific arrangement. The German Government's attitude with regard to the question has not changed up to the present. (Reuter)

THE DENISHWAJ PRISONERS.

RELEASE ON KHEDIVES ACCESSION DAY.

LONDON, December 25. It is announced that, with the consent of Great Britain, the Danish prisoners will be released on the anniversary of the Khedive's accession on 8th January. (Reuter)

FRENCH ANTI-MILITARISM.

SENTENCES FOR LIBEL.

PARIS, December 24. The anti militarist Hervé has been sentenced to a year's imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs for libelling and insulting the army and navy. M. Merle, manager of the journal "La Guerre Sociale," and Almyerdy, member of the staff, each have been sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 3,000 francs. (Reuter)

FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

PARIS, December 25. M. Pichon in the Senate reiterated that France did not wish to conquer Morocco. She was anxious only to secure prosperity in the countries of North Africa. He dwelt on the advantage to France by the ententes with Great Britain, Japan, Spain, and Abyssinia in conjunction with the alliance with Russia. The friendly relations between her and Italy were daily strengthening. In reply to M. Millaud he promised to introduce into Tunis the policy of associating the natives with the Government of their country. Admiral Cuverville urged the claims of the French schools in Egypt and Syria. (Reuter)

TRIAL OF DINI ZULU.

PIETERMARITZBURG, December 24.

The preliminary examination of Dini Zulu has begun. The son of the rebel leader Sam baata gave evidence indicating that Dini Zulu had made private preparations for a rising in 1906. The Government has suspended action against Sihwane and decided to release 295 rebels convicted last year. The operations in Zululand are ended. Bambaata's wife gave evidence against Dini Zulu. (Reuter)

TELEGRAMS.

THE VIBORG MANIFESTO.

TRIAL OF SIGNATORIES.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 25. The trial has opened here of 169 signatories of the Viborg manifesto. The accused are mostly labourites and constitutional democrats. They are charged with inciting the people to refuse to pay taxes and recruit. (Reuter)

THE PERSIAN CRISIS.

TEHRAN, December 24.

The people are not reassured by the Shah's declaration and wish for practical fulfilment of his promises. Only a few shops are open. Armed men are re-assembling. Random firing is heard. (Reuter)

LONDON, December 25.

The "Times" learns from St. Petersburg that the leading journals unanimously approve of the Anglo-Russian pacificatory mission in Persia, and record with satisfaction the ensuing improvement in the relations between the Shah and the Mejliss. Hope is expressed that a durable understanding will be reached. (Reuter)

REFORMS IN CHINA.

LONDON, December 25.

The "Times" learns from Peking that an imperial edict in the name of the Empress repeats the desire that the throne should hasten the establishment of constitutional government, but threatens that should irresponsible agitation continue, the installation of this reform would be further postponed. (Reuter)

RESIGNATION OF DUTCH CABINET.

THE HAGUE, December 25.

The Cabinet has resigned in consequence of the rejection of the Army estimates framed by the Minister of War. (Reuter)

GOLD FOR AMERICA.

NEW YORK, December 24.

Another 1,000,000 dollars worth of gold has been ordered. The Memphis Savings Bank has closed its doors. Its deposits amount to 2,000,000 dollars. (Reuter)

SUBMISSION OF BENI SNASENS.

OUJDA, December 24.

The Beni Snassen tribesmen are submitting in large numbers. (Reuter)

THE CHOLERA FIEND.

DEHRAJ, December 24.

The whole of Hodjuz is declared to be infected with cholera. (Reuter)

THE PORTUGUESE ELECTIONS.

LISBON, December 25.

A decree fixes the date of the parliamentary elections at 5th April. (Reuter)

M.C.C. AT MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, December 24.

Cricketers. Victorians 488 runs for 9 wickets. The match was drawn. (Reuter)

NILE TOURISTS.

The following left Cairo on the 23rd inst. by Cook's "Anemartes" - Mr. and Mrs. Labatt, Miss C. Ribighini, the Misses Gabel, Major and Mrs. Fryer, Miss Belle, Mrs. D. Goussen. The following left Cairo on the 24th inst. by Cook's P.S. "Rameses" - Mrs. Frank Hiseock, Mr. F. K. Hiseock, Mr. and Mrs. Geste, Mrs. E. Lowe, Mrs. M. A. Frank, Abbate Paslo, Mr. W. B. Kirkham, Mr. O. M. Bigelow, Mr. E. P. Mellon, Mrs. and Miss. Kumpmann, Mrs. G. A. Bamfield, Capt. W. T. C. Davidson, Mrs. E. Colonna, Mr. A. G. Warren, Mr. J. A. Rathbone, Mr. and Mrs. McNaught.

EGYPTIAN POLITICS.

THE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE.

DEATH OF THE LEADER.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Hassan Abdul Razik Pasha, the leader of the Party of the People and a member of the Legislative Council, which occurred yesterday morning in Cairo. He was an intimate friend of the late Sheikh Mohamed Abdou, the Grand Mufti of Egypt, and he was in many respects an excellent sample of the enlightened Egyptian. The funeral, which was attended by a large number of mourners, took place yesterday afternoon in the Mosque of Iman el Shafai.

The following is the text of the political manifesto, addressed last week to the public in England, by the late Hassan Abdul Razik Pasha. It appeared in the London "Standard" in the form of a letter to the Editor and is as follows:-

Sir, - Please allow me to express to you my sincere thanks for the kindly discrimination shown in your columns regarding the "Party of the People." May I take this opportunity of describing briefly the aims and organization of the party in question, in order that the public in England may be more accurately acquainted with the real facts of the situation as they stand in Egypt.

Up till now, intelligent Egyptians have believed that the British occupation of Egypt was accidental, and that it would be removed when the causes that brought it about were removed. That belief is based on the confidence which the Egyptians have in the promises of the British nation - a confidence which was made stronger still by the negotiations that took place between Britain and Turkey in 1887 through Sir H. Drummond Wolff. Thus the Egyptians have silently watched the economical, moral, and political progress that has been effected in the country, in the full belief that, as soon as these reforms should be completed and based on solid ground, such as would justify for the Egyptians complete autonomy, and guarantee for Great Britain and the rest of the European nations their respective interests, the management of the affairs of Egypt would then be entrusted to purely Egyptian hands, thereby fulfilling the words of the late Mr. Gladstone "Egypt for the Egyptians."

The material progress achieved in Egypt during the last 25 years has been marvellous. But as yet there has scarcely been any real attempt at educational and political reform. Education is still being carried on in such a manner as not to secure the desired results, and in practice the representatives of the Egyptian nation are not given such privileges as are consistent with and adapted to Egypt's present social condition. This has aroused in the nation a certain degree of anxiety.

The desire for progress in the direction of self-government led a number of Egyptian notables, including a great number of the Legislative Council and General Assembly, to hold a meeting, in which they decided to make every effort to secure the desired end, and established for that purpose a paper, "Al Garidah," to be their organ. These notables publicly declared their principles, aims, and means to attain them on September 21, 1907, as has already been reported to you by your Correspondent in Cairo. The number of these notables has now increased to 170. The aim of the "Party of the People" is progress towards autonomy. Its means for securing that end are to make elementary education general, obligatory, and free; to promote higher education, and to persuade the Government to acknowledge the natural rights of the people by extending the jurisdiction of the Provincial Councils, the Legislative Council, and General Assembly in such a way as to produce effectual co-operation by the representatives of the people with the Government in public matters in order that the autonomy promised by the English may ultimately be attained.

These, in short, are the views of the "Party of the People," and, I may add, of the best classes of Egyptian society. It is true there are some who seem to mistrust the English and to forget how advantageous it is to our political progress to preserve the best possible relations between Egypt and England. Fortunately, the influence of these people is practically limited to inexperienced youths, who, here as elsewhere, uphold extreme views. The organ of this party is "Al Lewa," and it calls itself the National Party. Opposed to that party stands another that exists in little more than name. Its policy is to exalt the British Administration in Egypt, in season and out of season, finding no fault whatever with it. "Al Mokattam" is the organ of this party, which calls itself the Liberal National party.

What is of importance to all Egyptians, however diverse may be their views concerning reform, is to try to convince the British public of the fact that the existing Administration neglects higher education, that it has not looked favourably upon the university enterprise, and that it is not prepared to extend the Organic Law. All this is calculated to make for estrangement between the Egyptians and the British, which estrangement some mis-taken enthusiasts use as a fertile ground in which to scatter those seeds of dissension which are hated alike by wise Egyptians and, so far as we can see, by wise Englishmen, too.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit - within certain necessary limits - free discussion.

LITERARY HISTORY OF THE ARABS.

To the Editor of the "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Dear Sir, Allow me to send you a copy of the last leaf, which is also a kind of conclusion, of a book just published "A Literary History of the Arabs" by Reynold A. Nicholson, M. A. Lecturer in Persian in the University of Cambridge and sometime Fellow of Trinity College. The paragraph is entitled "Influence of European culture - Islam and Modern civilisation."

If after reading it you think as I do, that it might do some good to your European and Oriental readers, especially now that there is so much talk about University and Moslem Congress, etc. you might perhaps be inclined to publish it in your wide spread and valuable paper.

Truly Yours,

Cairo, 16th December.

Since Napoleon showed the way by his expedition to Egypt in 1798, the Arabs in that country, as likewise in Syria and North Africa, have come more and more under European influence. The above mentioned Mohanmad Ali, who founded the Khedivial dynasty, and his successors were fully alive to the practical benefits which might be obtained from the superior culture of the West, and although their policy in this respect, was marked by greater zeal than discretion, they did not exert themselves altogether in vain. The introduction of the printing press in 1821 was an epoch making measure. It, on the one hand, the publication of many classical works, which had well-nigh fallen into oblivion, rekindled the enthusiasm of the Arabs for their national literature, the cause of progress - I use the word without prejudice - has been furthered by the numerous political, literary, and scientific journals which are now regularly issued in every country where Arabic is spoken. Besides these ephemeral sheets, books of all sorts, old and new, have been multiplied by the native and European presses of Cairo, Bulak, and Beyrouth. The science and culture of Europe have been rendered accessible in translations and adaptations of which the complete list would form a volume in itself. Thus an Arab may read in his own language the tragedies of Racine, the comedies of Moliere, the fables of La Fontaine, "Paul and Virginia" the "Talisman" "Monte Cristo" (not to mention scores of minor romances), and even the Iliad of Homer. The learned and purely technical literature derived immediately or indirectly from Europe is extensive. In short, France and Britain have taken the place which was occupied in the Golden Age of Islam by Greece and India, but we must, I think, confess that down to the present day the results of all this activity amount to little more than the proverbial mouse.

Hitherto modern culture has only touched the surface of Islam. Whether it will eventually strike deeper and penetrate the inmost barriers of that scholastic discipline and literary tradition which are so firmly rooted in the affections of the Arab people, or whether it will always continue to be an exotic and highly prized accomplishment of the enlightened and emancipated few, but an object of scorn and detestation to Moslems in general these are questions that may not be solved for centuries to come.

Meanwhile the past affords an ample and splendid field of study.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS.

ALEXANDRIA.

December. Thur. 26 San Stefano Casino. Cinematographic Performance Every Thursday at dusk. Eiffel Tour. French Theatrical Troupe. Urbanora Cinematographic Entertainment. 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Cinemaphon Aziz and Doris, old Ramleh Station. 6.30 & 9.30. Pathé Cinematographic entertainment. 6.30 and 9.30 p.m. Zizinia Theatre. Italian Opera. Faust 9 p.m. Alnambra Theatre. Fregoli. Fri. 27 Football Ras el Tin school v. Saidieh school, Cairo, 2.30 p.m. on Ras el Tin ground. Sat. 28 A. S. C. Hockey Match. Alex v. Ramleh. 2.30 p.m. Sun. 29 Pigeon Shooting Club. Gabbari. 2.30 p.m. Pigeon Shooting. Champs Elysee. 2.30 p.m. Alnambra Theatre. Matinee. San Stefano Casino. Grand Concert. Every Sunday. 4 to 6 p.m. and Cinematographic performance at dusk. Urbanora Cinematographic Entertainment. Sunday matinee. 4.30 p.m. Tour Eiffel Matinee. 4.45. Cinemaphon Aziz & Doris. Performances 4.5.30, 6.45. Mon. 30 Merchant Seamen's Home. Christmas Feast 6.30 p.m. followed by concert by St. Mark's Choir and their friends. January. Fri. 3 Savoy Palace Hotel. First Concert of the Alexandria Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society. 9.30 p.m. Sat. 11 Alnambra Theatre. Grand Veglione of the Italian Benevolent Society.

CAIRO.

December. Thur. 26 K. S. C. Polo Matches. Majors v. Captains. Helouan Casino. Fusco's Orchestra. 4 p.m. Grand Ball 9.30 p.m. Ghezireh Palace Hotel. Small Dance. Every Thursday. Khedivial Opera House. Abbas Theatre. Musical Comedy. Nouveauxes Theatre. Variety entertainment. Garden Theatre. French Comedy. Ghezireh Palace Hotel. Concert by Trizane Band every afternoon. K. S. C. A Bogey Competition of Twelve Holes. Entrance. P.T. 15. Fri. 27 Savoy Hotel. Coopers Hill Dinner. Grand Hotel, Helouan. Small Dance. Performance of the Braccio Orchestra. Zoological Gardens. Ghizah Boys Band. Every Friday Afternoon. Al Hayat, Helouan. Orchestral Performance. Every Friday. 3.30 to 6 p.m. Helouan Casino. Cinematograph, 6 p.m. and Arabic Performance 9 p.m. Sat. 28 K. S. C. Polo Matches. Staff and Department v. K. S. C. Savoy Hotel. Small Dance. Helouan Casino. Fusco's Orchestra. 4 p.m. Sun. 29 Zoological Gardens. Egyptian army Band. Afternoon. Al Hayat, Helouan. Orchestral Performance. Every Sunday. 3.30 to 6 p.m. K. S. C. The Race Course and Steeplechase. Course will be open on Sundays until further notice. Helouan Casino. Fusco's Orchestra. 10 a.m. British Military Band. 4 p.m. Cinematograph. 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Turkish Performance. 9 p.m. Mon. 30 K. S. C. Polo Matches. 6th Rifles v. K. S. C. Mr. Schreiber's Team v. Inniskilling Dragoons. Al Hayat, Helouan. Orchestral Performance. Every Monday. 3.30 to 6 p.m. The Egyptian Institute Meeting. 5 p.m. Tues. 31 K. S. C. 60th Rifles Band Lotteries. Helouan Casino. Fusco's Orchestra. 4 p.m. Shephard's Hotel. Small Dance. Every Tuesday throughout the season. January. Wed. 1 K. S. C. Race meeting. Al Hayat, Helouan. Orchestral Performance. Every Wednesday. 3.30 to 6 p.m. Egyptian State Railway Institute. Children's Fete. 2 to 5 p.m. Grand Concert at 6.45 p.m. Dance 9.30 to 6.30 p.m. Fri. 3 K. S. C. Race meeting. Sun. 5 Grand Continental Hotel. Bulwer Lodge Banquet. Thur. 9 Geological Museum. Opening by the Khedive of the Survey Departments Exhibition of Maps. Fri. 10 Geological Museum. Survey Department. Exhibition of Maps Open daily. 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Guards' Annual Dance. Mon. 13 E. S. R. Institute. Five-a-side football competition at Gheziret Badran. 2 p.m. Tues. 14 E. S. R. Institute. Five-a-side football competition at Gheziret Badran. 2 p.m. Thur. 15 The Horse Show.

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	1907	1906	1907	1906	en plus	en moins
Fournit. d'eau aux particuliers...	8,702	7,921	92,535	83,259	9276	—
" au Gouvernement	1,930	2,036	27,345	25,302	2043	—
" aux Bories du Gouvern- ment	77	85	1,046	1,179	—	133
" aux Bories-fontaines	2,505	2,369	30,342	27,897	2445	—
Recettes diverses	399	5	4,145	2,261	1884	—
Etablissement de Zeitoun	414	324	5,574	3,605	1969	—
" d'Assiout	327	331	4,038	3,874	164	—
Totaux des recettes	14,854	13,071	165,025	147,377	17781	133
Augmentation de recettes en 1907	17,648					
DEPENSES						
Dépenses	4,451	3,506	47,274	39,729		
Augment. de Dépenses en 1907	7545					
Résultat en faveur de 1907	L.E. 10103					

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Le Directeur,
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